

# CREATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

## Creating Our Image

*Pillars of Creation, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope in near-infrared-light view. (Courtesy NASA)*

Westminster Presbyterian Church



July 23, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## THE Celebration OF Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude (8:30)**

Partita on *Holy Manna*

Anne Krentz

**Prelude (11:00)**

Preludes on Early American Hymns  
*Liverpool*  
*Lord, Revive Us*  
*Distress*

Gilbert Martin

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship God who inhabits our world  
and dwells in our lives.

People: **We need not look up to find God;  
we need only to look around:  
within ourselves,  
beyond ourselves,  
into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God;  
we need only to listen to the music of life:  
the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

\*Prayer of Confession

God, you know us better than we know ourselves.  
 You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins.  
 And you love us still.  
 Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible.  
 Forgive us when we wonder how you could love us just as we are,  
 when we forget our intricate construction,  
 fearfully, wonderfully made, in your image.  
 Break down the walls we hide behind.  
 Push aside the pride,  
 and help us to trust you.  
 Forgive us when we hurt  
 others and ourselves.

*(A time of silence for personal confession)*

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
 People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Sung Response

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

- 1 In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
 In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
 In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Congregational Response

Threefold Amen

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

#selfiewithGod

Jo Forrest

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## WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

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### Offertory Anthem

I'll Walk with God  
*Marianne Cornetti, mezzo-soprano*

Nicholas Brodzsky

I'll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon.  
This is my prayer, my humble plea: may the Lord be ever with me.  
There is no death, though eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to him.  
I'll lean on him forever, and he'll forsake me never.  
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along.  
I'll walk with God. I'll take his hand. I'll talk with God. He'll understand.  
I'll pray to him, each day to him, and he'll hear the words that I say.  
His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.

### \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

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## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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### \*Closing Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

Postlude on *Pisgah*

Dale Wood

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**Leading in worship:** Jo Forrest, Megan Exley, Jim Burns, and Marianne Cornetti.

## (Untitled)

By Michael Benedikt

Do not wait for miracles,  
but put yourself to  
redeeming the world.  
Do not wait for God's grace  
to descend upon you,  
but give grace to others.

Love life, all of life,  
putting your own  
neither first nor last.  
Do not drop what is  
precious in your hands.



## Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

Recent surgery, hospitalization, or illness: Carol Sutherland.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

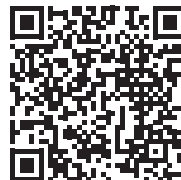
### Worthy Notes and Upcoming Events

# ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let's enjoy summer fun as a whole church family!

Join us on Sunday, July 30, at 11:00 a.m. for a combined, casual, outdoor worship service at the East Rise Pavilion in South Park.

For more information and directions, scan QR code or go to, <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/worship-in-the-park>



**WORSHIP**  **IN THE PARK**  
**WESTMINSTER CHURCH** **& PICNIC**  
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**Come or stay for the All Church Picnic.**

Lunch will be served at noon. Then enjoy the fun summer activities for all ages.

*Please bring a camping chair.*



**SUNDAY, JULY 30 - WORSHIP/PICNIC AT SOUTH PARK**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and Livestream in Sanctuary | 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Park | Picnic Lunch at noon

**SOWING SEEDS OF JUSTICE**



**FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL**

## Westminster Seminars:

Sowing Seeds of Justice: Food Security for All

Today | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel/Zoom

What do we mean by food security? Who is food insecure? What factors influence food security? How is food security related to the environment and to our agricultural processes and systems? How is the climate affected by the way we grow our food? Finally, how can we be engaged to lessen the bite of hunger for our brothers and sisters? Read more and find the Zoom link on the church website.

**Columbarium Price Increase** The price of columbarium niches will increase from \$1,750 to \$3,000 each, effective September 1, 2023. Members who enter into a purchase agreement before September 1, 2023, will receive the \$1,750 per niche price. Payment plans are available. Please contact Anna Hiner at 412-835-6630x207.



## Veterans' Luncheon

**Saturday, August 5 | Noon-3:00 p.m. | RSVP by July 24**

Veterans, active duty military, gold star families, and spouses of deceased veterans are invited. You are welcome to invite your spouse, significant other, friend, or another vet. At the Underwoods' home; address will be provided at registration. RSVP by July 24 to Westminster Church at 412-835-6630. Cost: **\$19.00/person**. Catered by Mission BBQ.



## POP-UP FITNESS CLASS: Burn & Sculpt

**Thursday, July 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Just \$5**

This nonstop class combines basic cardio moves with continuous strength exercises, using weights and resistance bands for a total body workout. Just drop in for \$5! Registration not required; space is limited to the first 12 participants to arrive. Instructor: Jennifer Alexander



## Help Us Pave the Way It's Time to re-SEAL the Parking Lot

Thank you for helping us Pave the Way. We're almost to our goal of \$35,000 – **only \$2,189 more to go!**

WhiPCy the seal has been a huge hit and he is grateful for everyone who has contributed so far. The cost of a new parking lot is \$300,000, but we are being good stewards by proactively sealing and repairing instead of replacing.

We're inviting all who utilize the parking lot for church or recreation to participate! We recognize how valuable Westminster's parking is for our community and appreciate your assistance with its maintenance.

*Thank you in advance for your kind generosity!*

For more info and updates, go to [westminster-church.org/paving-the-way](https://westminster-church.org/paving-the-way).

### How to DONATE:

1. Text ParkingLot to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
2. Scan the QR code to the right, or go to: <https://bit.ly/WPCpavetheway>.
3. Write a check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, with "Parking Lot" on the memo line, and mail or drop off at the church.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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### Parent & Caregiver Survey

**Parents: we want to support you!** Westminster's Children's, Family, and Youth Departments are working together to provide adults and parents with opportunities for growth, connection, and education. But we need to know what's best for you. We'd love to hear what sorts of conversations and groups you'd like to join. Please take a few moments to complete this short survey as we develop our plans for the coming year.

Go to [bit.ly/wpcparents](https://bit.ly/wpcparents).

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### Social Justice League (SJL)

**Next Meeting: Sunday, July 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Department**

Our Social Justice League for teens meets the last Sunday of each month. SJL is a group who are concerned about issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration, and more! SJL was gifted money from the Outreach Commission to give away to causes they feel passionate about. Any teen or young adult is welcome to join us!

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### JAM & Veritas Pool Party

**Wednesday, August 10 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Montclair Pool (1220 Sherbrook Dr.)**

As we get ready to say goodbye to summer and hello to school, let's get together for a fun night of swimming, pizza, and friends! All rising 5th through 12th graders are invited to attend. Friends are welcome too! No need to be a previous JAM, Veritas, or WPC attendee. Questions? Contact Faith Kemmler at [kemmler@westminster-church.org](mailto:kemmler@westminster-church.org).

Please RSVP: [bit.ly/JAMveritaspool](https://bit.ly/JAMveritaspool)

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### Street Moms Lunch Preparation

**Saturday, August 5 | 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall Kitchen**

Street Moms is a community of women experiencing homelessness in Wheeling, WV, and they need our support. Please join us in preparing lunches for this worthy cause. This is also a great opportunity to get to know others in the church while serving. For more information, contact Jan Baumann at [baumann@westminster-church.org](mailto:baumann@westminster-church.org).



# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

JULY 23 - JULY 29, 2023



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## SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Lvstrm.
	Bridge Sunday School (PreK-4th Grd.)	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge**	WROC Fitness
	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Lvstrm.
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239

\*Sunday School – 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children’s message. A time for children in PreK through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

\*\*Wiggle Room – 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room; 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to **families with children from birth through age 3** who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

10:00	Veritas - Charlie	Offsite
1:00	Writers of Westminster	Rm. 238
7:00	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 283

Wednesdays @ Westminster are on summer break. Programs resume August 30.

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

10:00	Veritas - Charlie	Offsite
4:00	Farmer’s Market	South Parking Lot
7:30	NA Nar Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 131

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA AI Anon	Rm. 107 Rm. 231


## MONDAY, JULY 24

10:00	Veritas - Charlie	Offsite
12:00	AA	Rm. 176
7:00	The Grace - Westminster Book Club Zoom	

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
	Veritas - Charlie	Offsite
4:30	Single Women’s Group Dinner	Galleria
6:30	Hope Small Group Discussion	Rm. 238
7:00	Westminster Men’s Softball vs. Chapel Blue	Chartiers Park
7:30	Scout Troop 366	Rm. 176

## SATURDAY, JULY 29




Children’s & Family Ministry      Music & Choirs

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## Giving to Westminster

**ONLINE:** <https://www.westminster-church.org/give>

**TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text WPCUSC to 73256. Standard text messaging rates may apply.



## Westminster Staff Contact Information

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